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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC AID FOR PORTUGAL

1. IN SEPTELS WE ARE REPORTING VIEWS OF ABDEL HARIM FARAH, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF UN CONCERNING AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS. THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION FARAH STRESSED PRESENT AND FUTURE ROLE OF UN IN BRINGING TO END PORTUGUESE COLONIAL PRESENCE IN AFRICA. AT ONE POINT HE URGED THAT US COULD BEST CONTRIBUTE TO PROCESS BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL.

2. I MORE OR LESS DISMISSED THIS OUT OF HAND BUT AS A MATTER OF FACT THE IDEA, AT LEAST IN A MULTILATERAL FORM, TO CINCLUDE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RESOURCES, MERITS STUDY AND REFLECTION.

3. WHAT FARAH WAS GETTING AT IS THAT A SEMI-INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY WITH A LARGE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR ALREADY SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS UNEMPLOYMENT CANNOT EASILY ABSORB SOME TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND SOLDIERS RETURNING
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HOME, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SEVERAL

HUNDRED THOUSAND REFUGEES. HE WAS SUGGESTING THAT
IF US COULD HELP WITH THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT
PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES HAS NOW LAID OUT, THE
POLITICAL PROCESS OF DECOLONIALIZATION IN AFRICA
WOULD BE GREATLY FACILITATED.

4. WHILE THE IDEA OF US AID TO A EUROPEAN COUNTRY
WOULD NOT BE EASY TO FLY, WITHOUT PREJUDGING THE RESULTS
OF AN ANALYTICAL STUDY, I MUST SAY THAT A DOLLAR OF
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL WOULD PROBABLY DO
MORE TRUE GOOD FOR AFRICA THAN THE SAME DOLLAR IN
MOZAMBIQUE OR ANGOLA.
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